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SUBJ: PROPOSED INTER-AMERICAN CENTER FOR TRAINING OF
PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

1. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, IN RESPONSE TO MINISTER OF ENVIRON-
MENTS INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ESTABLISHMENT AND SUP-
PORT OF PROPOSED TRAINING CENTER, PREPARED COMMIT FOLLOWING:
A. UP TO SIX MONTHS SALARY AND EXPENSES (MAXIMUM OF U.S.
DOLS. 30,000) FOR PERSON, EITHER FUTURE DIRECTOR OR INTERIM
CONSULTANT, TO TAKE CHARGE OF ORGANIZING, SETTING UP AND
OBTAINING INTER-AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN CENTER. THIS IS
INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT ANTICIPATED CONTRIBUTION OF TWO-YEARS
SUPPORT FOR DIRECTOR AND TO EXPEDITE AND SOLIDIFY ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF CENTER ALONG LINES ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUED U.S. SUP-
PORT.
B. DEPENDING ON SUCCESS IN ABOVE, PROVISION OF TWO IN-
STRUCTORS FOR INITIAL PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

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2. IN ADDITION, INTERIOR WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK AND HELP
VENEZUELA SEEK BROAD INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. PROSPECTS FOR
SUCH SUPPORT ARE GOOD.

3. CONDITIONS FOR ABOVE COMMITMENT CONTINUE TO BE THAT

CENTER SERVE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES EQUALLY AND THAT PAR-

TICIPATING COUNTRIES HAVE APPROPRIATE VOICE IN OVERALL DIRECTION.

4. FORMAL REPLY TO MINISTER GABALDON'S LETTER ELABORATING ABOVE POINTS BEING DRAFTED AND INTERIOR DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE, DAVID MCGRATH, TO DELIVER LETTER TO MINISTER PERSONALLY, DISCUSS AND AGREE UPON CONDITIONS.

5. IF EMBASSY CONCURS, MCGRATH WILL ARRIVE VIA PA 217 AT 2:15 PM MAY 31, 1977 FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO-DAY VISIT. MCGRATH REQUESTS CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR VAKY IN LATE AFTERNOON MAY 31 OR EARLY PART OF MORNING JUNE 1 TO PROVIDE BRIEFING ON PROGRESS AND DISCUSS PLANS BEFORE MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS. MCGRATH IS IN TOUCH WITH FUDENA WHICH PREPARED MAKE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS.

6. WE BELIEVE AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE ADDED WEIGHT IF ANNOUNCEMENT WERE MADE DURING THE JUNE 28-29 PEREZ STATE VISIT. MCGRATH PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR VAKY HAVING EMBASSY PASS SUGGESTION TO GOV THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON IN CONTEXT OF PLANNED CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE AND ANY APPROPRIATE COMMENTS. VANCE

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